



GDOT's Role in Public Transit In Georgia

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Why Transit Matters in Georgia . . .



Access to Life-Sustaining Activities



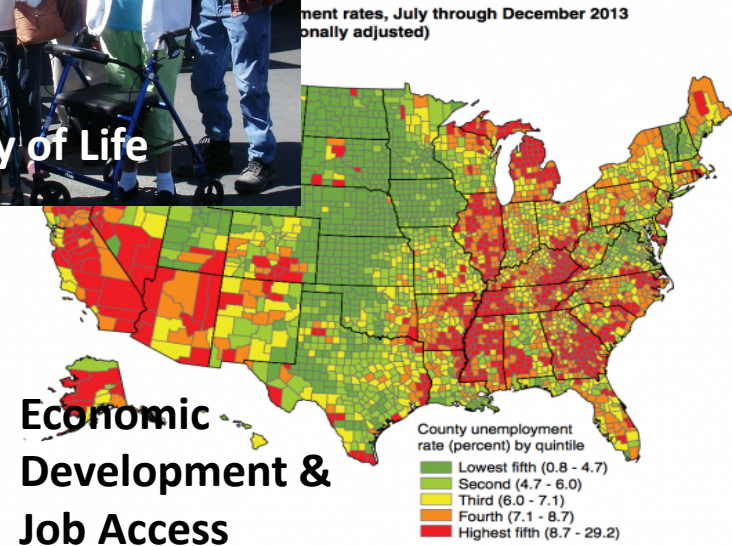
Emergency Response/Resiliency



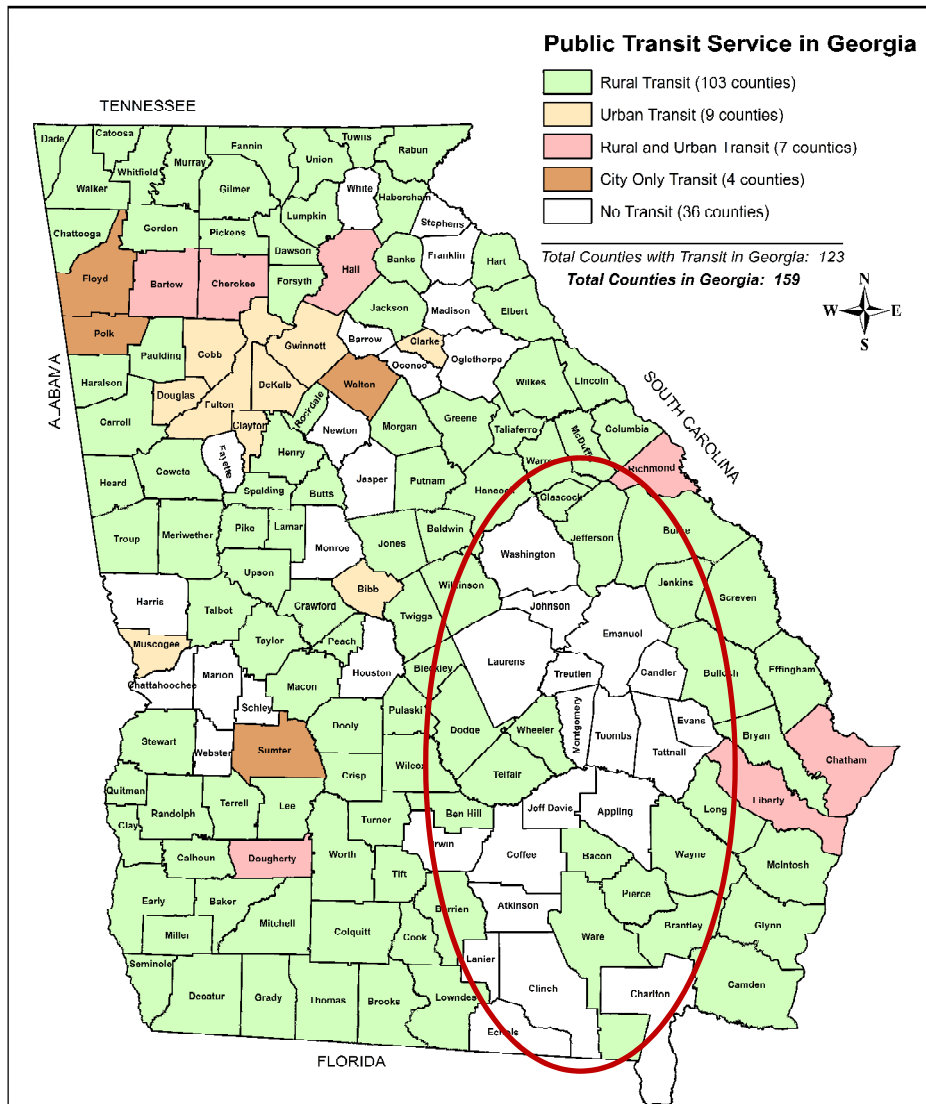
Travel Choices for Visitors



Quality of Life



Public Transit Coverage in Georgia



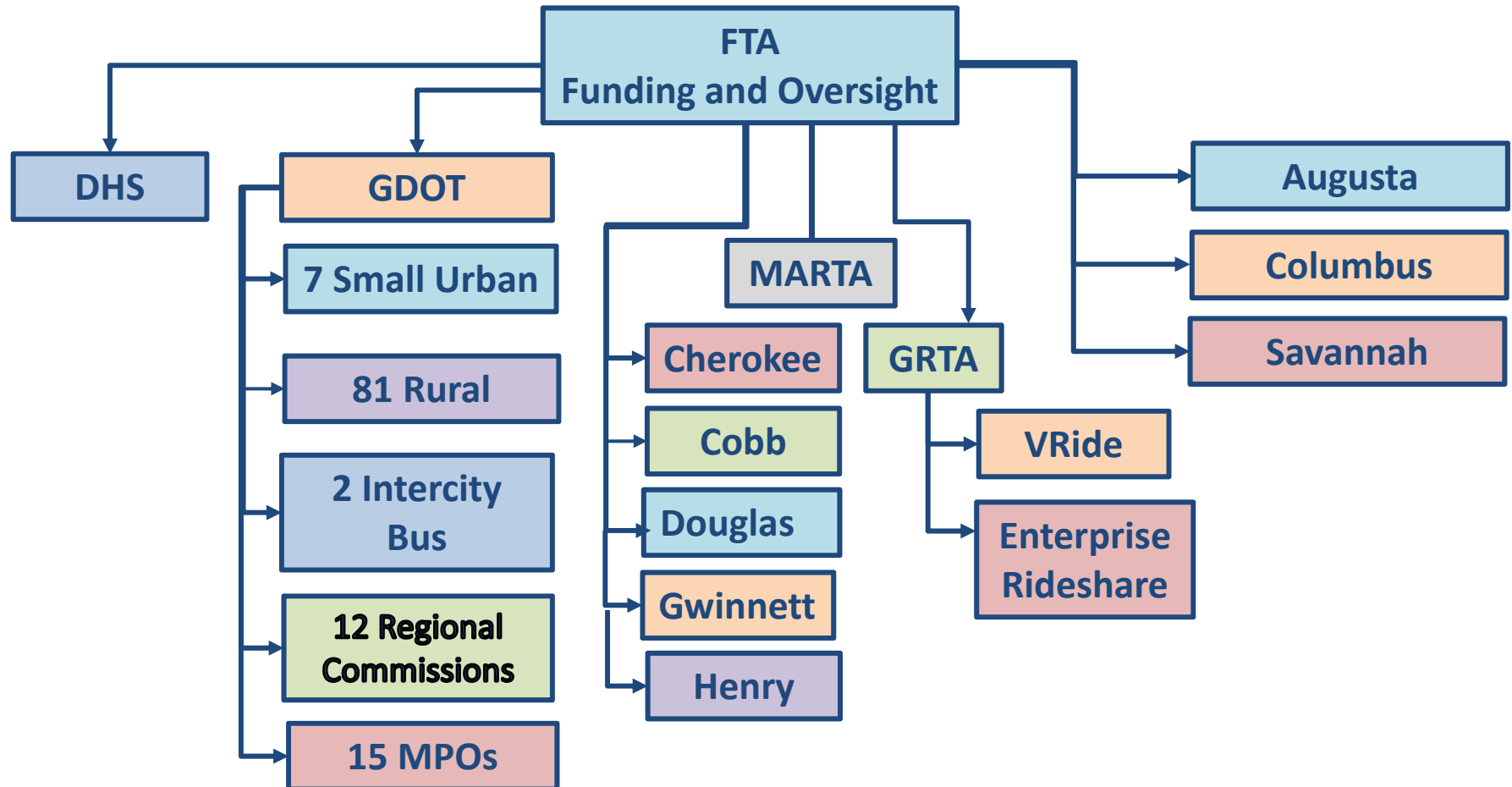
**Counties
With Public Transit Service:
120 Counties (75%)**

**Counties
Without Public Transit Service:
39 Counties (25%)**

Total = 159 Counties

Note: Three cities in GA have public transit service where countywide service is not available.

Federal Transit Funding Recipients in Georgia



Georgia's Average Annual FTA Apportionments

AVG ANNUAL FTA APPORTIONMENT BY PROGRAM

Program #	Program Name	Amount	%
5303 & 5304	Statewide & Metropolitan Planning	\$3,647,123	2%
5307	Urban Area Formula	\$89,983,763	51%
5310	Enhanced Mobility of Seniors and Individuals with Disabilities	\$6,962,360	4%
5311	Rural Area Formula	\$22,196,195	12%
5329	State Safety Oversight	\$832,352	0%
5337	State of Good Repair	\$45,637,199	26%
5339	Bus and Bus Facilities	\$8,905,928	5%
TOTALS		\$178,164,919	100%

- **Multiple Federal Transit Funding Programs**
- **Federal State & Local Funding Shares**
 - **Capital 80/10/10**
 - **Operating 50/50 (no GDOT funding)**
 - **Planning 80/10/10**

AVG ANNUAL FTA APPORTIONMENT BY RECIPIENT

Recipient	Amount	%
Metro Atlanta		
MARTA	\$93,282,460	52%
GRTA	\$7,436,881	4%
Cherokee	\$883,733	0%
Cobb	\$5,937,444	3%
Douglas	\$1,334,699	1%
Gwinnett	\$7,281,559	4%
Forsyth	\$581,304	0%
Henry	\$903,026	1%
Large Urbans		
Augusta Transit	\$3,084,554	2%
Columbus - METRA	\$2,501,115	1%
Savannah - CATS	\$3,828,667	2%
Ga Dept of Trans	\$44,147,117	25%
Ga. Dept Human Services	\$6,962,360	4%
TOTALS	\$178,164,919	100%

FY15 Statewide Transit Funding Overview

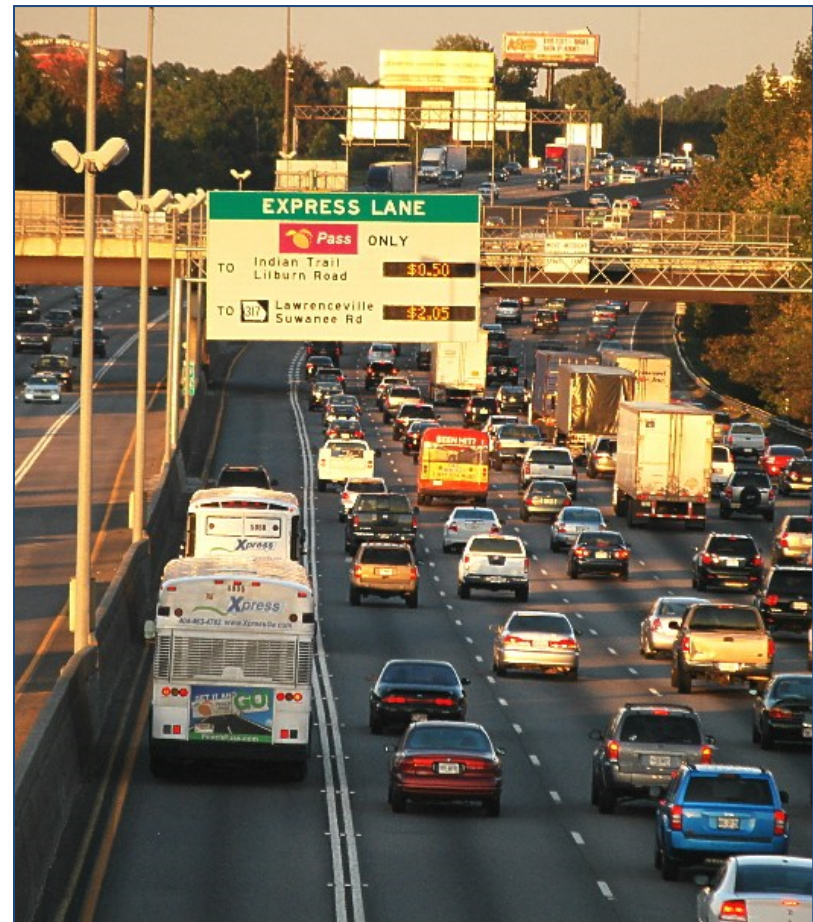
System	Ridership	Total Cost	Federal	State	Farebox	Other Local	Total Funding
Cherokee County Board of Commissioners	76,930	\$861,229	\$481,147	\$207,475	\$50,715	\$121,892	\$861,229
Atlanta Streetcar	392,906	\$2,245,695	\$1,373,945	\$0	\$0	\$871,750	\$2,245,695
Cobb County Department of Transportation Authority	3,327,494	\$20,326,236	\$4,005,191	\$99,808	\$5,456,860	\$10,764,376	\$20,326,235
Douglas County Rideshare	147,471	\$1,894,068	\$821,585	\$0	\$364,685	\$707,798	\$1,894,068
Enterprise Rideshare	155,115	\$609,547	\$122,073	\$0	\$303,617	\$183,857	\$609,547
Georgia Regional Transportation Authority	1,646,519	\$23,565,896	\$6,492,214	\$11,068,575	\$6,005,107	\$0	\$23,565,896
Gwinnett County Board of Commissioners	1,586,355	\$15,176,399	\$5,029,445	\$0	\$3,880,049	\$6,423,989	\$15,333,483
Henry County Transit	88,127	\$1,584,338	\$645,020	\$0	\$84,243	\$855,075	\$1,584,338
Metropolitan Atlanta Rapid Transit Authority	136,029,205	\$677,967,487	\$131,043,089	\$0	\$143,717,095	\$527,587,223	\$802,347,407
vRide, Inc. - Atlanta	767,844	\$3,137,094	\$0	\$0	\$3,073,818	\$731,368	\$3,805,186
Total Metro Atlanta Systems	144,217,966	\$747,367,989	\$150,013,709	\$11,375,858	\$162,936,189	\$548,247,328	\$872,573,084
Augusta	809,508	\$4,424,956	\$722,017	\$747,450	\$700,830	\$2,254,659	\$4,424,956
Columbus	1,140,668	\$5,250,929	\$930,899	\$146,108	\$1,082,657	\$3,141,265	\$5,300,929
Savannah	4,451,727	\$26,902,188	\$7,964,391	\$4,333	\$2,962,771	\$16,082,090	\$27,013,585
Total Large Urban Systems	6,401,903	\$36,578,073	\$9,617,307	\$897,891	\$4,746,258	\$21,478,014	\$36,739,470
Albany Transit System	727,427	\$3,362,296	\$1,476,728	\$61,045	\$581,484	\$1,480,307	\$3,599,564
Athens Transit System	1,562,471	\$6,637,238	\$2,507,433	\$58,804	\$1,975,197	\$2,095,804	\$6,637,238
Cartersville-Bartow County Transit	35,068	\$629,337	\$365,711	\$15,073	\$23,111	\$225,442	\$629,337
Gainesville-Hall County Transit	176,564	\$1,676,053	\$860,364	\$10,200	\$106,010	\$699,479	\$1,676,053
Hinesville-Liberty County Transit	14,680	\$674,252	\$406,569	\$0	\$12,680	\$255,003	\$674,252
Macon-Bibb County Transit Authority	1,023,460	\$10,413,848	\$4,795,586	\$1,321,928	\$1,039,182	\$2,933,279	\$10,089,975
Rome Transit System	1,110,249	\$3,150,955	\$1,326,764	\$39,842	\$693,932	\$1,090,417	\$3,150,955
Total Small Urban Systems	4,649,919	\$26,543,979	\$11,739,155	\$1,506,892	\$4,431,596	\$8,779,731	\$26,457,374
Total of 81 Rural Systems	1,633,500	\$34,412,793	\$19,570,540	\$472,904	\$1,461,032	\$12,908,316	\$34,412,792
GRAND TOTALS	156,903,288	\$844,902,834	\$190,940,711	\$14,253,545	\$173,575,075	\$591,413,389	\$970,182,720

Note: All expenses are for the 2015 fiscal accounting year only. Revenues may include Federal funding apportioned in previous years.

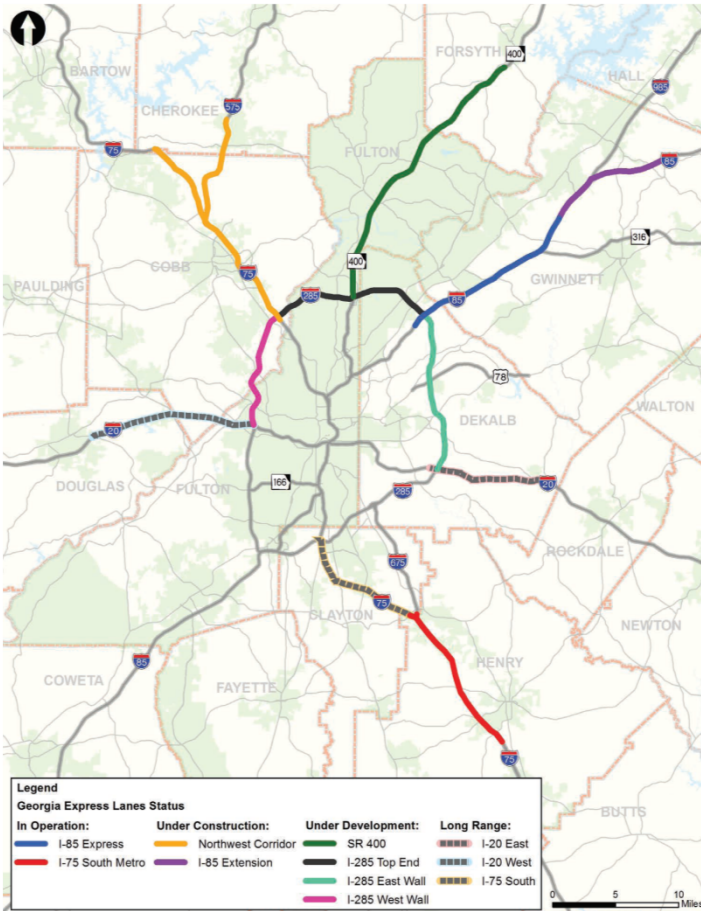
Source: National Transit Database, FY 2015 Reports, Tables: 2015 Capital Expenses, 2015 Operating Expenses, 2015 Funding Sources; <https://www.transit.dot.gov/ntd/ntd-data>

GDOT's Role In Public Transit

- Transit Investment through Express Lanes
- Administer FTA Transit Programs
 - State Safety Oversight-Fixed Guideway Rail – 5329(e)
 - MARTA & Atlanta Streetcar
 - Metropolitan Transit Planning – 5303
 - 15 MPOs
 - Statewide Transit Planning – 5304
 - 12 Regional Commissions
 - Small Urban Transit Systems – 5307 & 5339
 - Albany
 - Athens-Clarke County
 - Cartersville-Bartow County
 - Hinesville Area
 - Gainesville-Hall County
 - Macon Area
 - Rome-Floyd County
 - Rural Transit Systems – 5311 & 5339
 - 81 city & county subrecipients
 - Intercity Bus Program – 5311(f)



Transit Investment through Express Lanes



GEORGIA MANAGED LANES NETWORK

OPEN AND OPERATING

I-85 Express Lanes
I-75 South Metro Express Lanes

COMING SOON

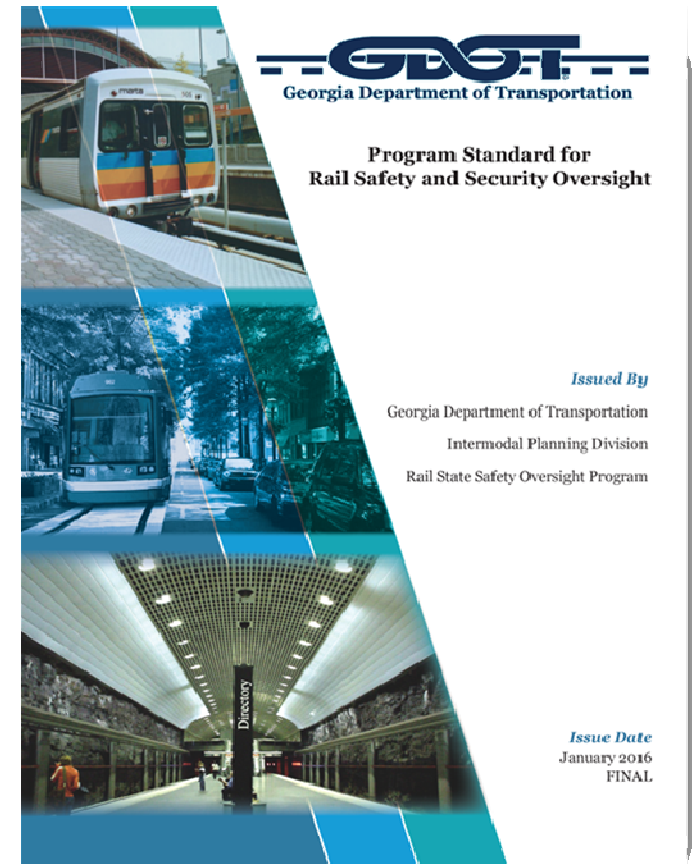
Northwest Corridor Express Lanes – Late Summer 2018
I-85 Express Lanes Extension – Fall 2018

UPCOMING MAJOR MOBILITY PROJECTS

SR 400 Express Lanes
I-285 East Wall Express Lanes
Revive 285 Top End
I-285 West Wall Express Lanes

State Safety Oversight of Fixed Guideway Rail FTA 5329(e) Program

- FTA Statutory Requirement to ensure rail safety & security
- GDOT Program Standard Outlines Requirements
- Review & Validate Rail Agency Safety & Security Plans and Practices
- Current Oversight
 - MARTA Rail
 - Atlanta Streetcar



GDOT's Role in Statewide, MPO & Regional Planning

Metropolitan Planning - Section 5303

Funding for 15 MPOs

Transit in long-range transportation plans,
transportation improvement programs
and unified planning work programs.

Statewide Planning - Section 5304

Partnerships with 12 regional commissions
across Georgia to serve as regional component
for statewide planning.

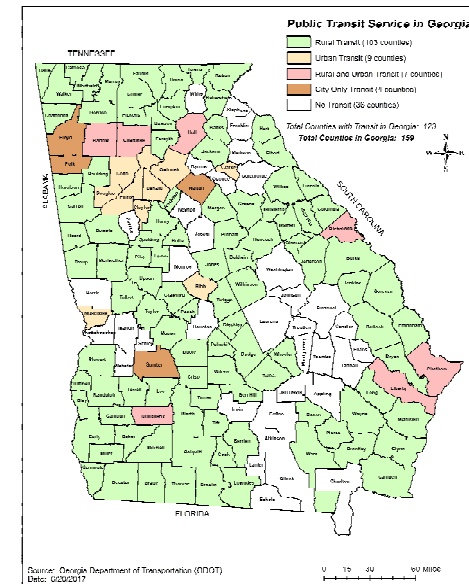
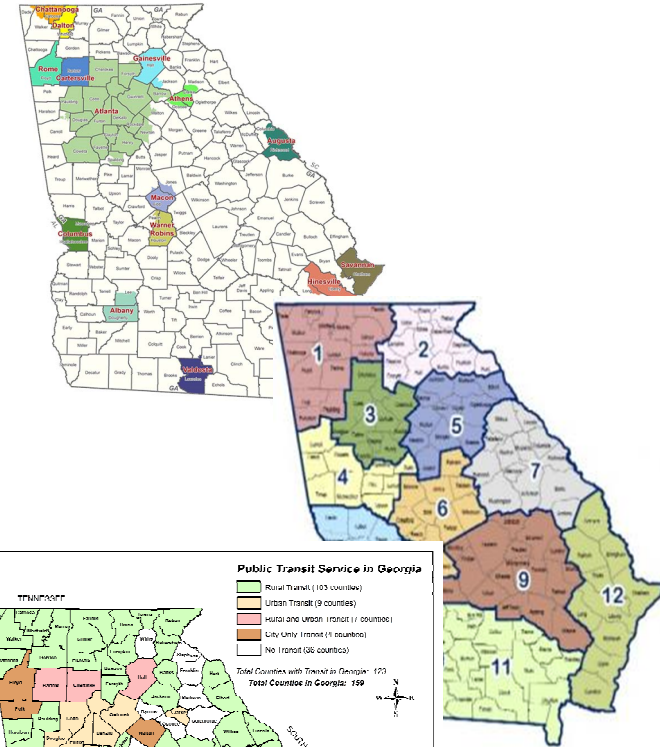
Statewide Transit Plan Underway

Establish Performance Metrics

Transit Asset Inventory

Identify System Connectivity Needs

Data Driven Investment Prioritization



GDOT's Role in FTA 5307, 5311 & 5339

Small Urban Systems

5307 and 5339

Capital, Operating &
Planning Funding

Albany

Athens-Clarke County

Rome-Floyd County

Hinesville

Gainesville-Hall County

Macon

Cartersville-Bartow County



Rural Transit Systems

5311 and 5339

Capital, Operating,
Planning & Training
Funding

Covers 120 counties and 3 cities



Intercity Bus Systems

15% or approx. \$3 million
of 5311 funding must be
directed to support
intercity bus routes &
facilities

Greyhound Bus Lines &
Southeastern Stages



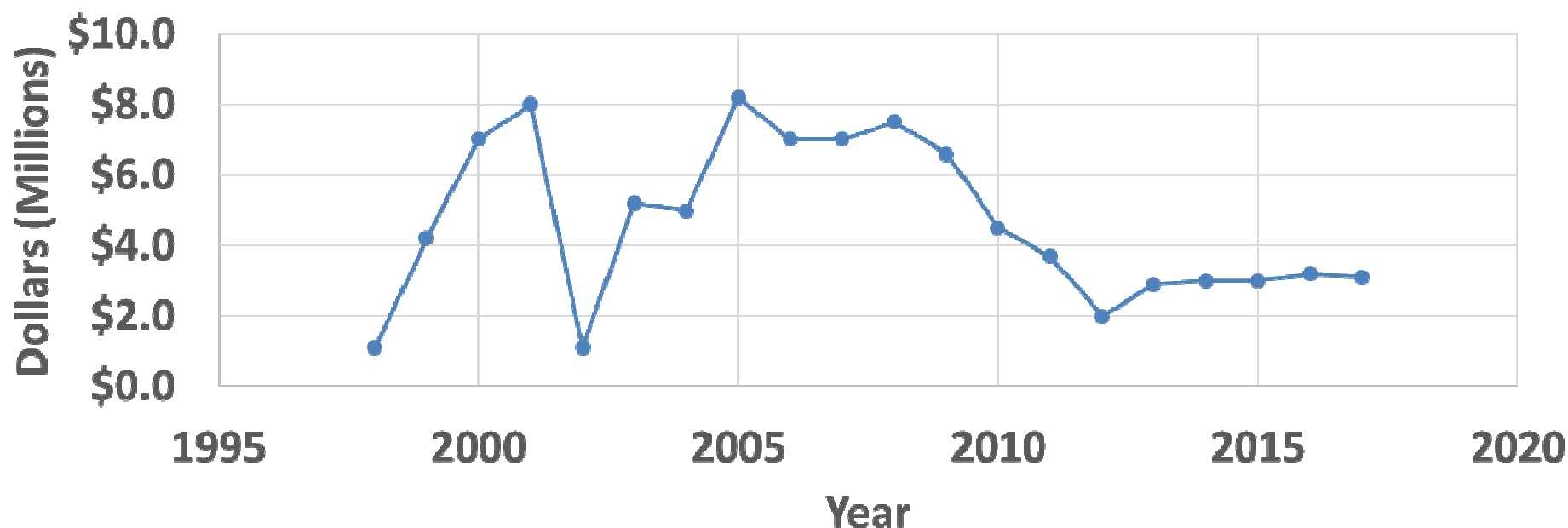
Georgia's Rural Transit Program Comparisons to National Average

Comparisons	FY2016	FY2015	FY2014	FY2013	FY2012	National Avg. FY2013
Percentage of ADA Accessible Vehicles	96%	81%	74%	77%	76%	83%
Number of Trips per Mile	0.10	0.11	0.11	0.11	0.12	0.16
Operating Cost per Passenger Trip	\$16.79	\$17.14	\$16.43	\$15.46	\$13.61	\$18.75
Operating Cost per Vehicle Mile	\$1.75	\$1.75	\$1.78	\$1.65	\$1.59	\$3.13
Operating Cost per Vehicle Hour	\$30.03	\$31.15	\$31.21	\$29.29	\$27.61	\$53.89

National figures are based only on rural transit services classified as Demand Response

Data from the previous Statewide PowerPoint Summaries: 160323 GDOT_FY2015_FTA5311_RuralSummary_FINAL, GDOT-2013-FTA-5311-Rural(s), GDOT-2014FTA-5311-RuralSummary, NTD FY 2012 5311 Transit Summary 3-19-13, FY 2015 NTD Master_GTTeam_Jan24_FINAL_v4_4PPT.

GDOT Historical State Transit Funding 1999-2017



FY15 \$75M GO Transit Bond Program – SRTA
Largest state investment in Transit

Peer State DOTs Investments in Transit

Source: AASHTO

State	FY15 State DOT Funding for Transit	FY15 State DOT Funding Per Capita	Rural & Small Urban Systems
Georgia	\$ 3,047,836	\$ 0.30	113
Alabama	\$ --	--	31
Colorado	\$ 14,000,000	\$ 2.57	36
Florida	\$ 271,179,216	\$13.38	65
Indiana	\$ 59,147,747	\$ 8.94	53
Kansas	\$ 11,000,000	\$ 3.78	105
Kentucky	\$ 1,713,412	\$ 0.39	30
Louisiana	\$ 4,955,000	\$ 1.06	43
Mississippi	\$ 1,613,000	\$ 0.54	21
Montana	\$ 334,820	\$ 0.32	45
Nebraska	\$ 4,872,884	\$ 2.57	65
North Carolina	\$ 84,843,000	\$ 8.45	104
North Dakota	\$ 6,449,461	\$ 8.52	34
Ohio	\$ 7,300,000	\$ 0.63	46
Oregon	\$ 37,839,321	\$ 9.39	48
South Carolina	\$ 6,000,000	\$ 1.23	25
Tennessee	\$ 47,220,000	\$ 7.15	22
Texas	\$ 30,341,068	\$ 1.11	67
Wyoming	\$ 2,396,135	\$ 4.09	44

Challenges & Opportunities

- **Population Growth**
 - Rural Systems Trending to Urban Systems

- **The Silver Tsunami**
 - Georgia 4th fastest growing older population in the U.S.

- **Increasing Efficiency and Coverage in Delivering Public Transit**
 - Technology
 - Identify new partners & new models
 - Private sector providers – Uber, Lyft
 - Private-Not-For-Profit Providers



Questions?

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